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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-7,9-11,13-15,17-22,25 and 27-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-7,9-11,13-15,17-22,25 and 27-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forslow (20030039237) in view of Schwaetz et al (20020160790).

Regarding claim 1 Forslow teaches a method comprising:

in response to an establishment a connection between a serving network (GSM, fig. 9) and a terminal (mobile station 102, fig. 9) via a subscriber application comprised by the terminal arranging communication between the terminal and a subscriber database (common access server/ISP 130, fig. 9, single or combination) by Internet Protocol based data, where said subscriber database (common access server/ISP 130, fig. 9, single or combination) comprises subscriber data similar to data stored in the subscriber application comprised by the terminal (mobile station 102, fig. 9), the subscriber data including authentication information, where there is a functional connection between a bearer network (GPRS, internet) and said subscriber database (The common access server matches the provided information with the stored information and authenticates the mobile para. # 0075, 0099-0101, fig. 12 and 13);

performing automated checking of a right of the terminal (mobile station 102, fig. 9) to use said subscriber database (130, fig. 9) (para. # 0100);

automatically transmitting, from the subscriber database (common access server/ISP 130, fig. 9, single or combination), subscriber data to the terminal, the serving network, or the terminal and the serving network, in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database and in response to acceptable authentication of the subscriber database in the bearer network (an authentication confirmation is transmitted web page, response through the direct access unit at the MSC to the mobile station, para. # 0100, fig. 12 and 13);

where services of the bearer network (GPRS, internet) are activated for use for the terminal (102, fig. 9) by means of said transmitted subscriber data and modifying the subscriber database contents based on data received from the terminal (para. # 0104-0105).

Forslow does not specifically disclose where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal.

In the same field of endeavor, Schwaetz et al discloses where an IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (link server) is received from the terminal (106, fig. 1) at the serving network (108, fig. 1) and a connection is established from the terminal (106, fig. 1) to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (para. # 0091-0092). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of

ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Forslow by specifically adding feature where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal at the serving network and a connection is established from the terminal to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address of said subscriber database in order to enhance system performance to allows mobile network devices using mobile Internet protocol to use distributed network address to establish the IP connection as taught by Schwaetz et al.

Regarding claim 13 Forslow teaches a telecommunication system comprising:

at least one terminal (mobile station 102, fig. 9);

a serving network (GSM) providing the terminal with services (para. # 0075);

at least one bearer network (GPRS) in functional connection with the serving network (GSM), wherein the bearer network is configured to create at least one database comprising subscriber data associated with a subscriber, a functional connection being configured between said at least one subscriber database and the bearer network, said subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by the terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information (para. # 0075, 0099-0101, fig. 12 and 13, see detail in claim 1);

the terminal and the serving network are configured to establish a connection by means of the subscriber application comprised by the terminal (para. # 0075, 0099-0101, fig. 12 and 13);

the terminal and the serving network are configured to arrange Internet Protocol based data transmission communication between the terminal and said subscriber database (para. # 0075, 0099-0101, fig. 12 and 13);

said subscriber database is configured to perform automated checking of the right of the terminal to use said subscriber database (para. # 0075, 0099-0101, fig. 12 and 13);

automatic submission of subscriber data is configured in the system, from the subscriber database to the terminal, the serving network, or the terminal and the serving network, in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database and in response to acceptable authentication of the subscriber database in the bearer network (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, fig. 12 and 13);

communication service provision for the terminal is configured in the system in accordance with at least said transmitted subscriber data, wherein the system is configured to activate services of the bearer network for use for the terminal by means of said transmitted subscriber data and the terminal is configured to transmit data to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (para. # 0075, 0099-0101).

Forslow does not specifically disclose where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal.

In the same field of endeavor, Schwaetz et al discloses where an IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (link server) is

received from the terminal (106, fig. 1) at the serving network (108, fig. 1) and a connection is established from the terminal (106, fig. 1) to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (para. # 0091-0092). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Forslow by specifically adding feature where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal at the serving network and a connection is established from the terminal to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address of said subscriber database in order to enhance system performance to allows mobile network devices using mobile Internet protocol to use distributed network address to establish the IP connection as taught by Schwaetz et al.

Regarding claims 2, 14 Forslow teaches wherein said subscriber data to be transmitted comprise a subscriber identifier (para. # 0099-0100, fig. 12 and 13, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 3, 15 Forslow teaches wherein said subscriber data to be transmitted to the serving network comprise a subscriber identifier according to said subscriber database; said subscriber identifier is associated in the serving network with the identifier of the subscriber application comprised by the terminal; the terminal is identified outside the serving network on the basis of said subscriber identifier; and data to the subscriber of said subscriber database are directed in the serving network to the terminal (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, fig. 12 and 13, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 5, 17 Forslow teaches transmitting location information about the terminal to at least one bearer network; and transmitting data directed to the subscriber of said subscriber database to the serving network on the basis of said location information (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 6, 19 Forslow teaches wherein said subscriber data comprise information about the services to be provided for the subscriber (para. # 0075, 0099-0105).

Regarding claims 7, 18 Forslow teaches wherein said subscriber data comprise the subscriber's personal data (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 9, 20 Forslow teaches wherein the information about said subscriber database to be used is transmitted from the terminal to the serving network (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 10, 21 Forslow teaches arranging the subscriber data in said subscriber database to be modified by the terminal and/or the bearer network (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, also see claim 1).

Regarding claims 11, 22 Forslow teaches wherein said telecommunication system is a mobile communication system; and said subscriber database comprises data that are at least partly the same as in the subscriber application (para. # 0075, 0099-0105, also see claim 1).

3. Claims 25, 27-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leung (6501746) in view of Joong (6549776) and Schwaetz et al (20020160790).

Regarding claim 25 Leung teaches a terminal device comprising:

a subscriber application configured to establish a connection with a serving network (10, fig. 1), wherein the terminal device (6, fig. 1) is configured to communication with the subscriber database (Home Agent, AAA server, single or combination) by Internet protocol base data transmission Protocol based data transmission, the subscriber database in functional connection with a bearer network (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 14, lines 7-14, col. 11, lines 4-65);

the terminal device is configured to transmit identification information to said subscriber database (col. 7, lines 5-50, col. 14, lines 7-14, col. 11, lines 4-30);

the terminal device is configured to receive subscriber data from the subscriber database as an automatic result of automated checking to confirm the right of the terminal to use said subscriber database and acceptable authentication of the subscriber database in the bearer network (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40);

the terminal device configured to receive communication services according to at least said received subscriber data, wherein services of the bearer network are activated for use for the terminal by means of said received subscriber data (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40); and

the terminal device is configured to transmit data to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40). Leung does not specifically teach subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by the terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information.

In an analogous art, Joong teaches creating at least one database comprising subscriber data, from which there is a functional connection to the bearer network, said subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by the terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information (a wireless application protocol WAP gateway 140 receives digital data communication from server 110 in a certain format and converting the format to a WAP format; location information associated with wireless client is stored on a home location register 126 and WAP gateway is connected to the home location register by a signal link 150 and queries the WAP gateway for the location information associated with the wireless client 105, col. 5, lines 14-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Leung by specifically adding feature subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by the terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information in order to enhance providing a server to a wireless client in a direct digital call environment as taught by Joong.

Leung and Joong do not specifically disclose where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal.

In the same field of endeavor, Schwaetz et al discloses where an IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (link server) is received from the terminal (106, fig. 1) at the serving network (108, fig. 1) and a connection is established from the terminal (106, fig. 1) to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber

database (para. # 0091-0092). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Leung and Joong by specifically adding feature where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal at the serving network and a connection is established from the terminal to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address of said subscriber database in order to enhance system performance to allows mobile network devices using mobile Internet protocol to use distributed network address to establish the IP connection as taught by Schwaetz et al.

Regarding claim 31 Leung teach a network element device for a telecommunication system comprising (fig. 8):

a subscriber database (Home Agent, AAA server, single or combination) comprising subscriber data, the subscriber database in a functional connection with a bearer network, the subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by a terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information (col. 6, line 65-col. 7, line 20, col. 11, lines 10-55, col. 12, lines 1-30), wherein

the network element device is configured to communicate with a terminal by Interact Protocol (IP) based data transmission (col. 11, lines 10-30, col. 12, lines 1-30);

the network element device is configured to check the right of the terminal to use the subscriber database (col. 11, lines 10-45, col. 12, lines 1-30, col. 14, lines 7-14);

the network element device is configured to transmit subscriber data transmitted from the subscriber database to the terminal, a serving network, or the terminal and the

serving network, in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database (col. 11, lines 10-60, col. 12, lines 1-30). Leung does not specifically teach creating at least one database comprising subscriber data, from which there is a functional connection to the bearer network, said subscriber data being similar to the data stored in a subscriber application comprised by the terminal, the subscriber data including authentication information.

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specifically disclose where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal.

In the same field of endeavor, Schwaetz et al discloses where an IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (link server) is received from the terminal (106, fig. 1) at the serving network (108, fig. 1) and a connection is established from the terminal (106, fig. 1) to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address (URL, IP address, see fig. 8A and 8B) of said subscriber database (para. # 0091-0092). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Leung and Joong by specifically adding feature where an IP address of said subscriber database is received from the terminal at the serving network and a connection is established from the terminal to said subscriber database on the basis of the IP address of said subscriber database in order to enhance system performance to allows mobile network devices using mobile Internet protocol to use distributed network address to establish the IP connection as taught by Schwaetz et al.

Regarding claims 27, 32 Leung teaches wherein the terminal device is configured to transmit the information about said subscriber database to be used to the serving network (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40, also see claim 25).

Regarding claims 28, 33 Leung teaches wherein the terminal device is configured to transmit the address of said subscriber database, such as an IP address, to the serving network; and the terminal device is configured to establish a connection

from the terminal device to said subscriber database on the basis of said address (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40, also see claim 25).

Regarding claim 29 Leung teaches wherein the terminal device is a mobile terminal and said received subscriber data are at least partly the same as in the subscriber application (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40, also see claim 25).

Regarding claim 30 Leung teaches wherein the terminal device is configured to submit the received subscriber data to a value-added application comprised by the terminal device (col. 7, lines 5-30, col. 11, lines 4-65, col. 12, lines 1-40, also see claim 25 for detail).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-22 and 25, 27-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAWAR IQBAL whose telephone number is (571)272-7909. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KAMRAN AFSHAR can be reached on 571-272-7796. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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